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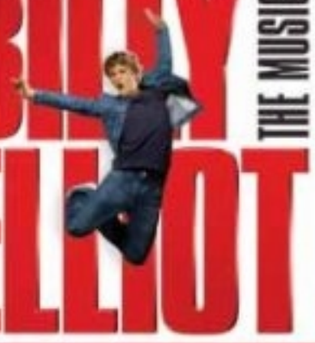
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Oscars. 'The Artist'

▶ Jean Dujardin giddily accepted the Best Actor award for his portrayal of a silent film star in "The Artist" at last night's Oscars. "I love your country," the Frenchman said.

Billy Crystal, hosting the show for the ninth time, brought his tired schtick to the 84th annual Academy Awards. But it was the silent indie film "The Artist" that stole the spotlight, sweeping most of the major awards categories including Best Director, Best Actor and Best Picture. Read more on that, Sacha Baron Cohen's antics and the hottest red carpet looks inside. {page 11}

Mother of missing man: 'Help us to find my boy'

- Boston College student has been missing for almost a week
- 21-year-old was last seen at a Brighton bar
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The number of movie posters hanging in Logan Airport as part of a new art exhibit celebrating 45 years worth of films that have been shot in and around the Hub. The art installation is hung chronologically by year, starting with a poster of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" from 1966. It is hanging between terminals B and C. METRO

Today's local tweet

"My quarter was stuck in the mbta machine so I poked it w/ my card & $5 worth of change came out!"

@A_WEENER ON HER STROKE OF LUCK AFTER HER CHANGE BECAME JAMMED AT A T STOP.

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Probe of cops' shooting continues

While a shot Beverly police officer continues to recover, the investigation into his shooting by a police sergeant from another town is still active.

"He appears to be doing OK. He still has a long way to go," the Beverly Police Department posted on its Facebook page yesterday.

Authorities have released few details about why the Friday night shooting occurred, but they did say the two men, Beverly Officer Jason Lantych and Hamilton Sgt. Ken Nagy, knew each other and arranged to meet at a Beverly Starbucks.

Authorities did not say why.

In a news release authorities said that Nagy's wife, Katie, had been working as a domestic violence advocate with the Beverly Police Department through a grant.

Lantych was shot in the leg and wrist and was "bleeding profusely," authorities said in a statement.

Bystanders attended to him to until medical personnel arrived. The good Samaritans were called courageous by Beverly's police chief.

About five hours later, Nagy returned to the scene and shot himself while in his car, according to authorities.

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Next stop, Hawaii?

BOSTON. The former head of the MBTA could be gearing up for a trip to Hawaii to take on the state's long-anticipated elevated-railway project.

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation has eyed former T chief Daniel Grabauskas as the lone finalist for the CEO position, according to a Herald report.

Grabauskas was forced to resign from the T in 2009 after he went head-to-head with Gov. Deval Patrick amidst safety concerns, according to reports. METRO

A Lin apology

CAMBRIDGE. Officials from Ben & Jerry's in Boston and Cambridge apologized for putting chunks of fortune cookies in a frozen yogurt meant to celebrate New York Knicks basketball player Jeremy Lin.

The frozen treat was called "Taste the Lin-Sanity." It was sold in the area of the sports star's alma mater — Harvard — and the fortune cookies were recently replaced with waffle cone chips.

A general manager at the shop told the Boston Globe they weren't looking to offend anyone and switched the ingredients after "a bit of backlash."

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Community makes push to find missing BC student

Franco Garcia was last seen in Brighton on Feb. 22 Tearful family members make emotional plea for public's help locating their son

Luzmila Garcia knows in her heart that her son, Franco Garcia, is OK.

"He wasn't supposed to vanish from this place. We need him to come home," she said through tears yesterday, standing in Cleveland Circle where her son was last seen before he disappeared.

Franco, 21, was last seen Wednesday about 12:15 a.m. inside Mary Ann's bar on Beacon Street. He was with a group of friends after coming from band practice at Boston College.

Friends said Franco, a Newton native that lives with his parents, was no where to be found when they left the packed bar at 1:15 a.m.

"We are staying optimistic and hopeful and can't wait for him to come home," said close companion and classmate Rachele Reis.

Since last week, Franco has not contacted anyone or shown up for classes or work. Franco's car is also still parked at BC, according to Newton police.

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▶ Family and friends of Franco Garcia, including his aunt, Virginia Ridley, center, gathered in Cleveland Circle.

"Everyone is worried about him. I'm asking, 'please help us to find my boy,'" said Luzmila, clutching her husband's arm.

For several hours yesterday friends joined the Garcia family outside Mary Ann's passing out fliers and pleading with the community to rally together and help find Franco.

Posters with a picture of the smiling "loveable" BC senior were plastered all around the area.

"He was in that bar, someone has to have seen Franco," said his father, Jose Garcia. "It's very strange for us to be here right now. It's not Franco's will to be away from us."

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Description

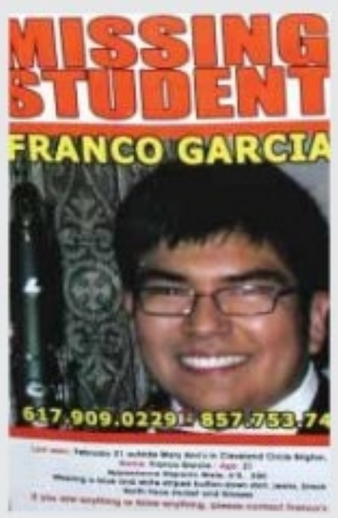
How to help if you have information:

- Garcia was last seen wearing a long-sleeved white and blue striped shirt and jeans with a Northface jacket and glasses.
- He is described as a Hispanic male, about 6 feet tall and weighing 200 pounds.
- Anyone with information contact Newton police at 617-796-2100 or Franco's family at 617-909-0229.

Social media

Friends have turned to Facebook and Twitter to get any information about the disappearance of Franco Garcia.

Twitter users have used the hashtag #FindFranco to garner support from the community, while on Facebook, more than 2,000 people have joined the group "Missing since 2/21-Franco Garcia." METRO/SA



The search

State police, along with Newton police and Boston College authorities, have joined together to assist in the search for Franco.

According to state police spokesman David Procopio, a State Police helicopter conducted a scan over the Chestnut Hill Reservoir yesterday, but search results came up negative.

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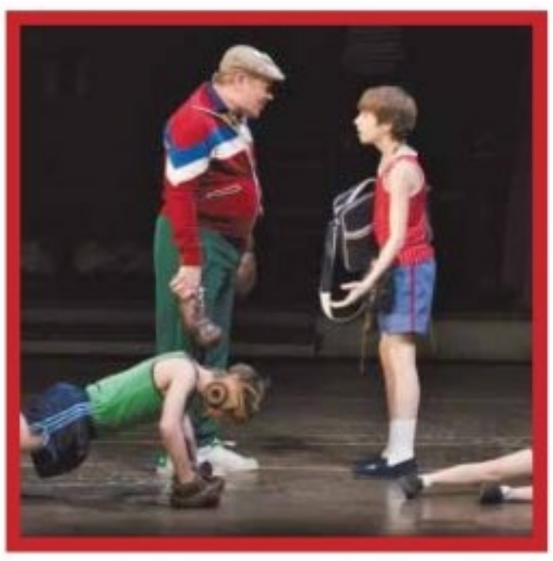

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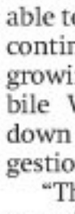
Hub could feel smartphone use 'crunch'

An unexpected surge of smartphone and tablet usage is starting to strain the capacity of the mobile broadband spectrum and it could affect how fast you download apps, send e-mails and make phone calls. "It means potentially dropped calls and slower speeds," said Rory Altman, director and founder of Boston-based Altman Vilandrie & Co., a management-consulting group focusing on communications and clean tech.

Altman said if more "spectrum" doesn't become available to carriers, and customers continue to gobble up data at growing rates, apps and mobile Web pages would slow down due because of the congestion.

"The wireless industry has experienced tremendous data demand … much more than anticipated," he said.

Known as "spectrum crunch," officials from the Federal Communications Commission said while growth of wireless broadband represents a significant economic opportunity, it also presents a challenge and service quality is likely to suffer.



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Avoiding 'crunch'

- Altman said the emergence of 4G LTE networks will offset some of the congestion.
- Unused and underused spectrum held by companies and governmental departments will be tapped, alleviating the immediate crunch.

Plunge. Fundraiser

▶ David Steigerwald, of Boston, takes part in the eighth annual Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project's Winter Plunge at Carson Beach in South Boston.

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Taking a dip for awareness

A small crowd of people braved frigid temperatures and even colder waters yesterday to raise money for domestic violence prevention. The Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project held its annual Winter Plunge to raise awareness and money about domestic violence in the GLBTQ communities.

Feds cite Harvard after research monkey deaths

CAMBRIDGE. Following the deaths of three research monkeys and the injuries of others, federal officials cited Harvard Medical School for compliance issues.

The Dec. 27 death of a dehydrated squirrel monkey occurred at the New England Primate Research Center, according to the Globe.

A report released by the agency yesterday detailed the findings.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture cited Harvard for three incidents. The school could receive a warning or face fines for not complying with federal animal welfare regulations.

A Harvard official told the Globe the issues are being addressed. METRO

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The number of monkeys that have died at a Harvard Medical School research facility in the last 19 months.

Mayor Menino breaks toe

BOSTON. Mayor Thomas Menino will be on the mend for the next couple of weeks.

Menino broke his toe recently and is now sporting a walking boot on his left foot.

A spokesman for the 69-year-old mayor said Menino did not drop anything on it or fall.

The broken toe was discovered when Menino's doctor examined him for an aching foot.

It was not expected to impact his schedule. METRO/GLOBE

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'Hope' artist pleads guilty in AP battle

LOS ANGELES. Artist Shepard Fairey, who created the iconic "Hope" campaign poster featuring then-Sen. Barack Obama for the 2008 presidential campaign, pleaded guilty in Manhattan Federal Court on Friday to one count of criminal contempt for destroying documents, manufacturing evidence and other misconduct.

The guilty plea stems from Fairey's civil litigation against the Associated Press over copyright issues revolving around the poster. Fairey claimed that his use of an AP photograph as the basis for the poster fell under the "fair use" doctrine. **REUTERS**

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▶ This portrait came to symbolize Obama's campaign.

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▶ Media members stand outside the home of Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg yesterday.

Mandela out of the hospital

Former South African President Nelson Mandela was discharged from hospital yesterday after a keyhole abdominal examination showed there was nothing seriously wrong with the 93-year-old anti-apartheid leader, the government said.

"The doctors have decided to send him home as the diagnostic procedure he underwent did not indicate anything seriously wrong with him," President Jacob Zuma's office said in a statement.

His departure from Pretoria's "1 Military" hospital in a multi-vehicle motorcade marks the end of an anxious 24-hour wait for South Africa's 50 million people, after Mandela was admitted on Saturday morning with "long-standing abdominal pain."

The government insisted throughout there was nothing to panic about. **REUTERS**

US soldiers wounded in violence over Koran burning

Seven U.S. military trainers were wounded yesterday when a grenade was thrown at their base in northern Afghanistan, police said, as anti-Western fury deepened over the burning of the Koran at a NATO base.

Despite an apology from U.S. President Barack Obama, riots raged across the country for a sixth day yesterday against the desecration of the Muslim holy book at a NATO air base at Bagram. Some protesters hoisted the white Taliban flag.

The Afghan Interior Ministry identified one of its employees as a suspect in the fatal shooting of two U.S. officers in its headquarters a day earlier, an attack that prompted NATO to recall its staff from ministries.

One civilian was killed, 15 more were wounded and three policemen were injured in riots near the NATO base in northern Kunduz province, where the blast that wounded the Americans took place, regional police chief Samihullah Qatra told reporters.

NATO confirmed there had been an explosion outside one of its bases in northern Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

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Sixty-nine percent of Americans consider balancing the budget a top priority, according to January's Pew poll, citing a figure that has risen steadily from 53 percent in 2007. For the first time, the budget is now on par with terrorism and trumped only by the economy and jobs in importance to Americans.

And who do Americans trust most to handle these highest of political priorities? Republicans have long dominated Democrats in perceived trustworthiness on national security, while both parties have been in a virtual tie for the last year when it comes to the economy, jobs and balancing the budget.

Republicans, however, have begun pulling ahead of Democrats in trustworthiness on the budget, according to a new AP-GfK poll released Thursday. While President Obama and the Republican primary candidates have both promised to balance the budget, Americans seem to find those promises easier to believe when they're made by Republicans.

But Americans' trust in Republicans is misplaced. According to an analysis by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget comparing the various fiscal proposals of the Republican primary candidates, only Ron Paul has proposed policies that would reduce projected U.S. debt over 10 years, by 9 percent of GDP. Under Newt Gingrich's plan, debt would actually increase by a whopping 30 percent of GDP, while Rick Santorum would increase the debt by 20 percent of GDP. Mitt Romney's plan would increase debt by only 1 percent, but remember — the candidates have promised to drastically cut the debt, not merely to increase it by less.

What about President Obama? According to CRFB's analysis of his newly-released 2013 budget, the President's plan also reduces the debt by 9 percent of GDP — the same as Ron Paul. That's right — the President and Ron Paul are the only two candidates whose policies have any positive balancing effect on the budget at all. At best, Romney's plan merely maintains the status quo, while Gingrich and Santorum make things significantly worse.

So, to the 69 percent of Americans who care deeply about balancing the budget — don't be so trusting. Candidates love to run with scissors, but few are willing to put them to good use.

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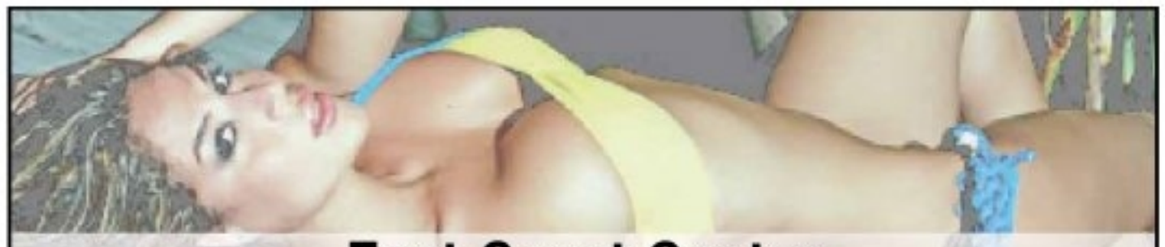

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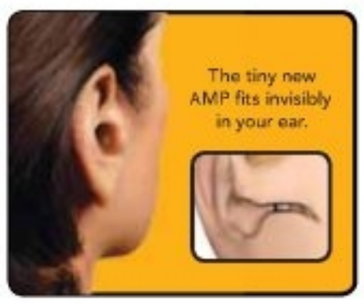

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Adam Sandler earns 11 Razzie nominations

While the world continues their celebration of the Oscars and the best and brightest in Hollywood, let's take a moment to look at the worst. Specifically, poor, poor **Adam Sandler**, who is saddled with the sad honor of earning 11 Razzie nominations (a record!) for his various work as an actor, writer and producer on three movies for 2011: "Jack and Jill," "Bucky Larson" and "Just Go With It." Sandler received two Worst Actor nominations, one for "Just Go With It" and another for "Jack and Jill." Oh, and he also received a Worst Actress nod for "Jack and Jill" (the bright side: at least he's breaking gender barriers).

His "Jack and Jill" co-stars, **Katie Holmes** and **Al Pacino**, each received a Worst Supporting Actress and Actor nomination for their work in the film, respectively. Way to bring down Pacino, Sandler.

It's time for Sandler to pick up a copy of the 1998 edition of "Stop with the Fart Jokes: Transform Your Career and Become an Oscar Winner in No Time" by **Tom Hanks**. Soon, he'll be starring in "Punch Drunk Love II: Still Drankin'," where he and **Emily Watson** end up adopting a middle-aged deaf, mute and blind train hobo who teaches them the true meaning of life.

▶ Adam Sandler and Katie Holmes at the premiere of the Razzie-nominated "Jack and Jill" last November in California.

Worst film noms:

- "Jack and Jill"
- "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star" (Sandler also co-wrote)
- "New Year's Eve"
- "Transformers: Dark of the Moon"
- "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1"

Celeb. Spotting

▶ It's either baby Blue or a bunched up jacket: Your call.

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Beyonce takes Blue for brunch

Beyonce, Jay-Z and Blue Ivy Carter stepped out for brunch on Saturday at Sant Ambroeus in New York City's West Village.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Albert Brooks is escalating tensions with his neighbor, Jessica Simpson is feeling entertained, Sarah Silverman is feeling a little out of it, and Dana Gould is trying to help.

@AlbertBrooks: Just bought a used gas centrifuge on Ebay. If neighbor does not quiet dog I will build nuclear weapon. #fairwarning

@JessicaSimpson: Vampire Diaries has been a minor obsession of mine this month!! I've watched every episode!! Ok, so maybe it isn't a minor obsession.. Ha

@SarahKSilverman: I just said "granola" too many times & now I have no idea what it means or how I ever knew it

@DanaJGould: I'm working with a human rights group that takes winos off of skid row and releases them back into the wine country.

Gould

Talking points

Butler's secret rehab stint

Gerard Butler spent the last three weeks in rehab to address an alleged prescription painkiller problem, according to Radar Online. "Gerard has completed a successful course of treatment and has returned home in good health," his rep said in a statement. "We will not be making any further comment at this time." Butler reportedly developed a painkiller dependency in 2006 after filming "300." As for other substances, the actor recently told the Red Bulletin that he's toned things down considerably. "I am a single, successful Scottish actor in a city full of beautiful women, and I will admit to having the time of my life," he said. "I'm very well behaved these days as a lot of the naughty stuff was when I was drinking."

Gerard Butler

Summer wedding for Timberlake and Biel?

While **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** haven't officially announced their engagement yet, the happy couple is reportedly already hard at work planning their wedding, according to Us Weekly. "The big day's this summer at a private estate," a source insists. As for what Biel will wear to walk down the aisle? "Monique Lhullier is her No. 1 choice for the dress," the source says.

Seal on spilling divorce details

Seal is standing by his decision to speak publicly about his impending divorce from **Heidi Klum**. "When you publicize your marriage as much as our marriage was publicized, when you renew wedding vows, when you do all those things ... you're giving people a picture of an ideal relationship that people aspire to," he says during an Australian radio interview. "When it goes south, you can't all of a sudden take the philosophy of a monk and decide to go for a vow of silence. It doesn't really work like that. I respect my wife's decision not to talk about that, but I felt that people at least deserved some kind of explanation."

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A predictable show and obvious winners

The 84th annual Academy Awards opened with a very familiar formula but it felt more tried than true. With Billy Crystal hosting the awards for the ninth time, he barely strayed from tradition with a tone-deaf sing-along parody of the nine nominated films — a gag he and other hosts have done year after year.

But the evening was not without laughs — Crystal's stale jokes notwithstanding. The principle cast of "Bridesmaids" managed to sneak in jokes about how "size matters," Emma Stone gamely flirted with Jonah Hill from the stage and the Christopher Guest crew did a sketch about an imagined focus group for "The Wizard of Oz."

Also entirely predictable were the wins for the biggest awards. Octavia Spencer and Christopher Plummer accepted their awards for best supporting actress and actor — both of whom were the predicted front-runners in their categories. And while Martin Scorsese's 3-D film "Hugo" swept most of the technical awards, Michel Hazanavicius' much-hyped, but little seen indie film "The Artist" took top honors for Best Original Score, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Picture.

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Winners

- **Best Supporting Actress:** Octavia Spencer, "The Help"
- **Best Actor in a Supporting Role:** Christopher Plummer, "Beginners"
- **Adapted Screenplay:** Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash, "The Descendants"
- **Original Screenplay:** Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris"
- **Best Director:** Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"
- **Best Actor:** Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
- **Best Actress:** Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"
- **Best Picture:** "The Artist"

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▶ Even if everyone else knew she was going to win the Best Actress award for "The Iron Lady," Meryl Streep was shell-shocked and humble, as always.

"When I heard my name called I could almost hear half of America saying 'Oh no, her? Again? Why?' Well, whatever."

MERYL STREEP ON WINNING THE BEST ACTRESS AWARD

Baron Cohen's red carpet prank

Everyone knew Sacha Baron Cohen wouldn't be walking the red carpet in your standard penguin suit. After the ban had been lifted on him appearing at this year's Academy Awards arrival gauntlet in character, a publicity stunt for his upcoming movie "The Dictator" seemed well in order.

Baron Cohen cued up to have a quick chit-chat with Ryan Seacrest. Bearing an urn with the face of Kim Jong-il, he said he brought the deceased leader's ashes to the Oscars red carpet because "it was his dream to come to the Oscars and be sprinkled on the red carpet and on Halle Berry's chest, again." He then leaned in and spilled the contents onto Ryan Seacrest's suit. Poor Ryan stared sadly at his suit, not believing what had just happened. For the following four interviews all he could talk about was the "Bisquick" that Sacha Baron Cohen had just spilled on him. Tina Fey, Emma Stone, Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith just had to sympathize. ● METRO/HP

Red carpet: White hot ...

1. We all knew **Rooney Mara** was saving her white moment for the Oscars. And she didn't disappoint in stunning Givenchy Haute Couture.
2. Early attendee **Milla Jovovich** kicked off the night with some old Hollywood glamour in an embellished white Elie Saab Haute Couture gown.
3. Octavia Spencer stayed true to Tadashi Shoji and shows us that women with curves don't have to hide in black.
4. Gwyneth Paltrow's sleek Tom Ford gown came with matching cape. Chic — and practical. Love it.

... and bright spots

5. Viola Davis embraced her natural hair and, um, girls in this green Vera Wang gown.
6. Did somebody get **Angie** tipsy before the show? Jolie in Atelier Versace showed some leg and was all smiles on the red carpet.
7. Michelle Williams kept it girly in a coral Louis Vuitton gown complete with ruffles, bow and peplum.
8. Who needs a body-hugging mermaid gown when you can look like an ethereal princess — and throw back all the Wolfgang Puck treats you want? **Jessica Chastain** in Alexander McQueen.

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'Act of Valor' triumphs at box office

Military drama "Act of Valor" claimed the No. 1 spot on movie box office charts, beating expectations with an estimated $24.7 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales during another busy weekend at theaters.

Tyler Perry's new drama, "Good Deeds," finished in second place with $16 million, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

In third place, family film "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson took in $13.5 million during its third weekend in domestic theaters. The movie's total sales worldwide have topped $235 million.

Rounding out the top five, Denzel Washington thriller "Safe House" grabbed $11.4 million while nontraditional love story, "The Vow," grossed $10 million.

But two other new films couldn't crack the top five. "Wanderlust" rung up $6.6 million, earning eighth place. The comedy stars Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd as a stressed Manhattan couple who start a new life in a commune. Universal and Relativity produced the film for about $30 million.

"Gone," a new thriller starring Amanda Seyfried, pulled in $5 million domestically and finished in ninth place. The movie tells the story of a woman trying to find a serial killer who has abducted her sister. REUTERS

▶ "Act of Valor" stars real, active-duty U.S. Navy SEALs alongside professional actors in a fictional story about a mission to rescue a kidnapped CIA agent. Some scenes used live fire rather than visual effects.
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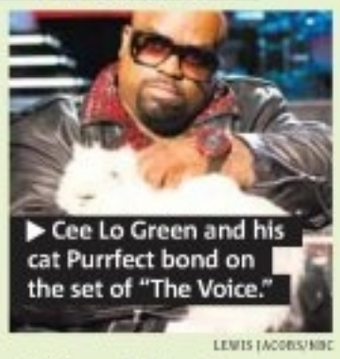
▶ Cee Lo Green and his cat Purrfect bond on the set of "The Voice."
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'The Voice'
REALITY. Cee Lo and his cat Purrfect plot global domination. 8 p.m., NBC

'House'
DRAMA. "Friday Night Lights" star Michael B. Jordan guest stars as a blind man forced to postpone his engagement plans when he's struck down by a "mystery" illness. 8 p.m., Fox

'Bethenny Ever After'
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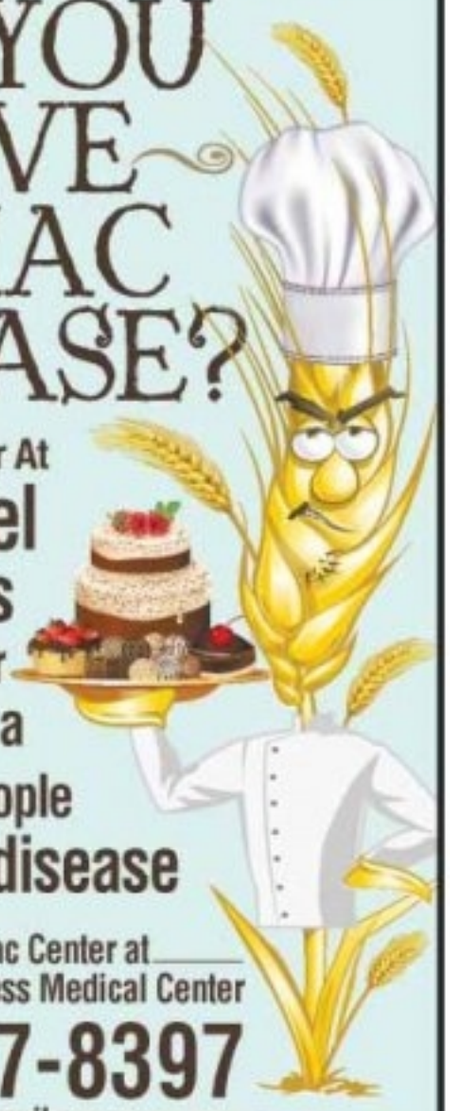
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99 problems but a book ain't one

- '99 Nights with the 99 Percent' author credits hip-hop as huge influence
- Faraone goes from Dewey Square to the heart of the Occupy movement

COURTESY OF THE AUTHOR

▶ Faraone, pictured, had an in-tents experience.

When Queens native Chris Faraone moved to Boston in 2004, he arrived as an outspoken journalist inspired by the voices of politically minded hip-hop artists like Chuck D and Talib Kweli. Now 32 and a prominent staff writer at the Boston Phoenix (where this writer also contributes), Faraone is thick in the fray of the very political issues that inspired some of his idols — fairness, social justice and other core virtues of the Occupy Movement, which helped inform his debut book, "99 Nights with the 99 Percent."

"Writing about political music was an ideal training ground for my investigative career," he says. "Everything I need to know I learned from Public Enemy."

In "99 Nights," Faraone chronicles his multi-city voyage through the Occupy movement, from its inception at Occupy Wall Street on Sept. 17, 2011, to an arbitrary point 99 days later on Christmas Day, where he reminds us that the movement is just beginning. Keeping his narrative personal, Faraone pays special attention to the milestones of the Occupy Boston Movement — which he refers to as a "franchise" movement — including its continued work and influence since its eviction (such as its work with recent MBTA protests).

An incisive and colorful writer, Faraone throws himself full-bore into the book, and "99 Nights" finds its strength in unfiltered accounts of interactions with personalities on all sides of the Occupy table.

"Let people write me off if they want, but this is a personal book," says Faraone. "I was actually in there and seeing what some of the defining characteristics are at all the camps across the country."

That's exactly what Faraone shows readers, from the performance art antics of the New York protests to the somber solidarity of Black Panthers and union workers marching side by side in Oakland.

"Maybe Occupy would have fizzled out a little bit, but not in this political climate," says Faraone, hinting at the upcoming conventions and G8/Nato summits that are going to occur in 2012. He says in Boston there is still room to get involved: "It's a healthy movement."

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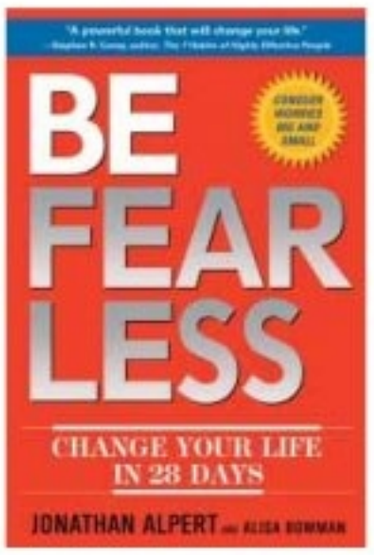

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Here's advice taken from my new book, "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days."

Define your dream job. Be specific. What it would entail? Do you prefer working independently or as part of a team? Would it involve travel? Do you want to do something creative or more analytical? You get the idea: Really define all aspects of this dream job and the qualities you seek in it.

Surround yourself with people who you think can help you. What mentors can you tap for advice? How can you network and meet people who can help?

Ask other people how they got to be where they are. Although your paths won't be entirely the same, you'll gain valuable advice knowing how others have done it.

Interview someone who has this dream job. Ask questions that will yield valuable information. Find out what the person did to land it. What do they love about their job? What's most challenging? What would they most like to change?

Do an internship or shadow someone at a company you admire. For example, if you always wanted to be a journalist, reach out to your favorite commuter newspaper and make yourself available.

– Jonathan Alpert is a licensed psychotherapist. His new book, "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days," is out April 24. It will be sold at all major booksellers and Amazon. Check in with him online at www.jonathanalpert.com, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jonathanalpert) and Twitter @jonathanalpert.

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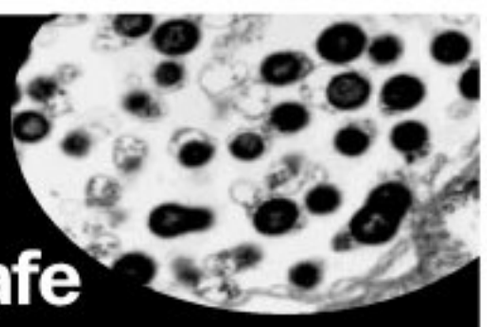

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▶ To get everyone to cooperate, walk around the room and have the class — er, employees — be involved with setting the rules.

There's a reason everyone says meetings are a waste of time — they usually are How to run yours like a pro and actually get things done

Running a meeting is a lot like running a kindergarten classroom. If given the chance, people will play with their toys, talk out of turn, and whine about everything from the e-mail system to the break room coffee.

Fortunately, just like cranky children, your co-workers can be easily controlled and placated. We checked in with Dana Brownlee, founder of national corporate training company Professionalism Matters, for how to lead a successful, succinct and drama-free meeting.

Here are her troubleshooting tips.

▶ **The problem:** One employee dominates the talk time.
The fix: "Instead of just throwing the issue out there, ask people to take two or three minutes and jot down their top two suggestions. That way, even if somebody dominates, when you collect those notes, you get feedback from everybody in the room," Brownlee advises.

▶ **The problem:** You have a persistently negative employee.
The fix: Agree that there may, indeed, be an issue. This will stop a problem child right in his or her tracks. "Validate their concern, write it on the flipchart and ask them to come up with suggestions for fixing the problem," she says.

The problem

Everyone brought their iPhones

The fix: First, structure the meeting thoughtfully — if some departments have to wait 45 minutes to be addressed, they'll be tempted to space out and check their mail. After that, play teacher. "Walk around a lot and constantly call on people by name," Brownlee suggests. "If people know they'll be called on, it makes them perk up."

▶ **The problem:** One co-worker always veers off-topic.
The fix: "Ask if this is something that needs to be addressed today," says Brownlee. "It sounds obvious, but there's a huge difference between intervening with a statement or intervening with a question."

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We asked New York City's big names for advice Rule No. 1: Make sure you really want it Rule No. 2: Prepare to peel a whole lot of potatoes

At the annual benefit for the Careers through Culinary Arts Program — a nonprofit that works with underprivileged high school students to get them ready for college and careers in the restaurant world — distinguished chefs in attendance gave us their best words of wisdom for the next generation of kitchen superstars. Read on for their cooking counsel.

"Just make sure you want to do it, because it's definitely a difficult profession. Ten years ago there wasn't 'Top Chef' and all that — it's out there a lot more, it's more of this glamorous thing. Your first five years, you're gonna be a grunt peeling potatoes and onions — and it's not as glamorous as you see. It's something that you really have to love if you're gonna get into the field."
— Joseph Fortunato, Extra Virgin

"Find yourself a job while you're going to school, and work in the environment. Or, before you go to school, get a job in the food industry — even if you have to be a runner — and see what it's all about. It's expensive to go to school, and it's a commitment."
— Sarabeth Levine, Sarabeth's

"Continue to learn and continue to look at those who are next to you and around you for any new and different ways to do things. There is always more than one way to crack an egg. Never think that what you know is the end-all, be-all of anything."
— Clifford Crooks, BLT Steak

"Pick a good restaurant, pick a mentor, work really hard. Start at the bottom. That's just my opinion — and it worked for me and most of the people I know."
— Matt Hoyle, Nobu Fifty Seven

"Three words: quality, quality, quality. After that, you have to have a lot of strength and love for your friends in the kitchen. You can have the best recipe, but if you don't have this recipe, you cannot succeed."
— Maria Loi, Loi

"Work hard and be really passionate. I think you should always aspire high and try to do your best. And if you're passionate and you work with a chef or sous chef that really cares about you, it can never be wrong. Today we have such a diverse restaurant scene — it's absolutely an amazing time to be a young, up-and-coming cook. This is the one field that you're always gonna be employed [in]."
— Marcus Samuelsson, Red Rooster Harlem

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Can you cook as a second career?

"A lot of great people have done it. Alice Waters comes to mind — she didn't really start in the restaurant business until she was into her 30s. It is often a young man's business or a young woman's business because there is a lot of energy involved, but I think if you have the creativity, yeah, that's fine. There are some great names that have done that sort of second career."
— Jason Weiner, Almond

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Career news

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▶ San Diego

Top cities for job-seekers

Times are tough everywhere; but when it comes to job markets, some cities are faring a little better. Considering relocating? We asked some experts to take a look at recent data.

▶ **Austin, Texas:** "Like other cities in the state, job growth is in the double digits and the housing market is steady with construction growth," says author and business coach Grant Cardone. "Add to that first-rate universities and expansion of government jobs, and this is a city that needs to be on the list for job-seekers."

▶ **Williston, North Dakota:** A rise in oil drilling near the Canadian border is turning sleepy towns like Williston into job-rich communities. "In the past 10 years, this has begun to transform western North Dakota from a mostly desolate and sparsely populated, endless plain into an engine of economic growth unseen in the U.S. in decades," says capital market specialist Peter Pham.

▶ **San Diego, California:** "San Diego is showing the first signs of a rebound," says Cardone. Thought it was too pricey to actually live there? "The cost of housing has become more reasonable due to the housing correction of 2008," he says.

JULIA WEST

Making a living while making art

New York City-based artist Margaret Peot makes the bulk of her living as a costume painter for Broadway artists, figure skaters and circus performers. She loves her craft, and makes a good living at it, too. Plus, it provides her the security to pursue her personal art: elaborate, time-consuming, allegorical woodcuts.

When she received her BFA from Miami University in 1986, she never could have predicted that career. So, when Peot set out to write a career guide for visual artists, she wanted to ask searching questions of the reader rather than attempt to deliver clear-cut answers.

"The Successful Artist's Career Guide: Finding Your Way in the Business of Art" will be officially released this week. The 224 pages are teeming with worksheets and writing assignments intended to aid readers in divining their true calling, and they include scores of interviews with a variety of successful, working artists.

▶ Artist and author Margaret Peot

"I love to read about people's lives — how they got from point A to point B. It's never what you think. I started interviewing my friends, and then people started referring me to extraordinary artists," says Peot. "I kept discovering people that were really making a decent living with their artwork, and I wanted to share some of their wisdom. The idea got picked up pretty quickly [by a publisher]. I think maybe because of the times we're in, people are reshaping their lives and this book rang a bell."

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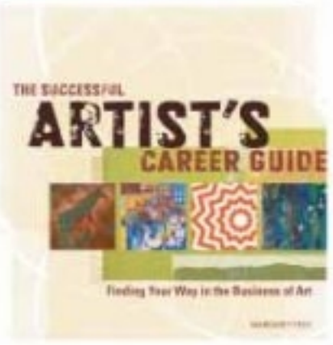

"Artist's Career Guide" is adamant that visual artists can lead healthy, financially stable lives. But, unlike other careers, it is a journey that requires personal tailoring — and introspection.

"There's something romantic about the troubled artist living a difficult life," explains Peot. "But you can't sustain being a tortured artist forever. I make it a point to say, 'Maybe you can actually choose how you want to live and have your dream, too.'"

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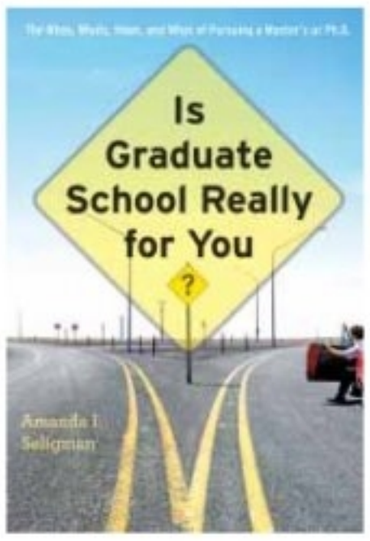

Grad School: Is it the right choice for you?

It's a question that some students forget to ask History professor Amanda Seligman on her new book

Amanda Seligman originally intended her book to be for the families of graduate students. Her idea was to provide a basic intro to academia, so family members could avoid embarrassing questions and hurtful assumptions. But she soon found another demographic in search of a primer to the ivory tower: grad students themselves.

The result — "Is Graduate School Really for You?: The Whos, Whats, Hows, and Whys of Pursuing a Master's or Ph.D." — was released earlier this year by Johns Hopkins Press.

"There are a lot of advice books out there about how to be a graduate student, but they all assume that everyone wants to be a research professor, do nothing but research and not really interact with people," says Seligman, an associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. "But through my students, I've come to understand that it's not appropriate for grad school to be the sole focus of anyone's life."

Laid out in a question-and-answer format, the book takes readers on a practice journey through many of the slaloms and hurdles of the academy: the initial decision, paying for the degree, navigating the coursework and writing the thesis.

"It's not a how-to book. This book is saying, 'This is what graduate school in the United States is like.' You are the only person who knows what you are like inside, so you need to find out if that's a match," says Seligman. "It's not that there's a right reason or wrong reason to go to graduate school, but you should know what your reasons are."

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Letters

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Re: 'When a penny saved is ... wasted'

The Great Depression did not get as severe as it did because of "enormous amounts of government spending." It got that way because of protectionist tariff increases, and because the federal government raised taxes and slashed spending in a vain attempt to preserve the monetary gold standard. FDR's New Deal proposals were successful in getting the recovery well under way by 1937. Had it not been for government intervention and spending, many might have wound up homeless, poor and starving.
JON MELICK, DORCHESTER

Contrary to Kelly Donnoe's view, progress was made in the 1930s and starvation was reduced; the error in 1937 was agreeing to Republican austerity at the wrong time. WWII spending was cut because the war ended; government programs did contribute. Housing, GI Bill, infrastructure and contribution to technology resulted in much growth even with higher taxes than today.
HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

You are not going Mad-ea, we promise

I was driving and I thought I saw Tyler Perry pumping gas. I said to myself you are starting to hallucinate. The next day I am looking at the Metro, and guess who was in town? I just want to say thank you for letting me know I'm not crazy. And, if possible, could you please let me know next time? I'd love to have a photo with him.
BETTY HILL, BROCKTON

Re: 'New war?' Debate rages on

Sad fact is that the U.N. and Israel's "neighbors" are standing idly by watching Iran issues lie after lie about producing nuclear energy "for peaceful purposes." I suppose nuclear energy could be used to remove the cancer that is Israel (according to Iran's ranting about Israel). Then there is the matter of Syria and again the U.N. and surrounding nations have become strangely silent as innocent citizens are being slaughtered by Assad and his gang. President Obama's leadership leaves a lot to be desired. A Nixon or a Reagan would have gone to that region to at least try to talk sense into these evildoers.
HERBERT W. STARK, VIA E-MAIL

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Stop-and-frisk an indiscriminate tool

The use of "stop and frisk" and spying involve very high percentages of black, Latino and Muslim residents who are totally innocent. These indiscriminate tactics are pejorative to these communities, and better strategies need to be implemented. It is unconscionable for us to remain silent as our neighbors are subjected to such police state-like harassment. If left unchecked, these methods might spread into other areas and spur an ugly, negative response.
GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

Ratings: Like Yelp, but for teachers

Parents need to know who are the good, the bad and the ugly in public education. Teachers need to be held accountable. Thanks to the media for forcing this issue and having teachers' performance ratings published. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you feel that it's necessary for someone to be more assertive in making a group decision, step forward. No need to be tentative — make the call.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although most of your personal endeavors will easily be accomplished, you may have to put in some extra hours on your work-related efforts in order to get what you want.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If there is someone you recently met and you find to be quite appealing, don't keep Cupid waiting in the wings. Instead, you should be the one who makes the first move.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You've been lucky so far in that you've been getting away with neglecting a responsibility entrusted to you. Before the powers that be find out about it, you need to halt your procrastination and get crackin'.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** That restless spirit of yours won't easily be appeased unless you use your time productively. Why not make efforts to acquire some new knowledge?

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It isn't likely to be easy for you to dismiss a certain commercial matter from your thoughts. In order to remove it from your mind, take care of it as soon as you can.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You'll have no trouble attracting others to your banner once they see how fervently you believe in your cause. Get on your soapbox and proselytize.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Should you discover that an associate is doing a better job than you can do in a joint endeavor, don't hesitate to relegate yourself to the sidelines and let him or her take the lead.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you believe there is something that could be of mutual benefit to you and a partner, don't allow too much time to go by without checking it out. It could be exactly what you both need.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's imperative that you make all of your own major decisions instead of delegating any of them to others. A surrogate's thinking might be inferior to yours.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Sometimes it's difficult to learn anything new from someone whose ideas parallel yours, but today could be an exception. It's OK to stick with people who think as you do.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of waiting for others to get things rolling, take the initiative and do so yourself. Once you do, the entire group will be glad you did, and will happily jump on board.
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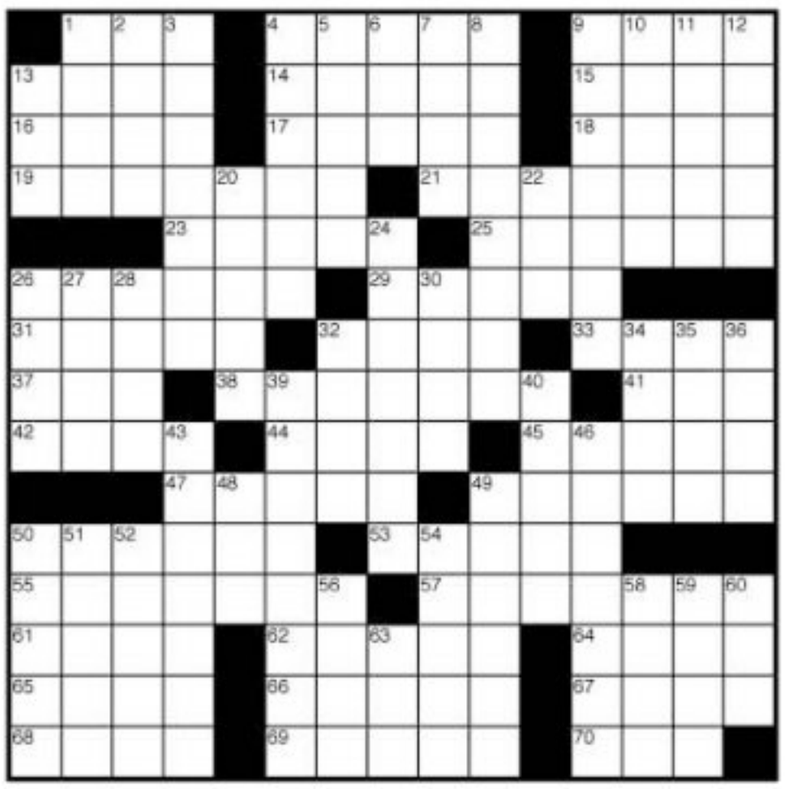

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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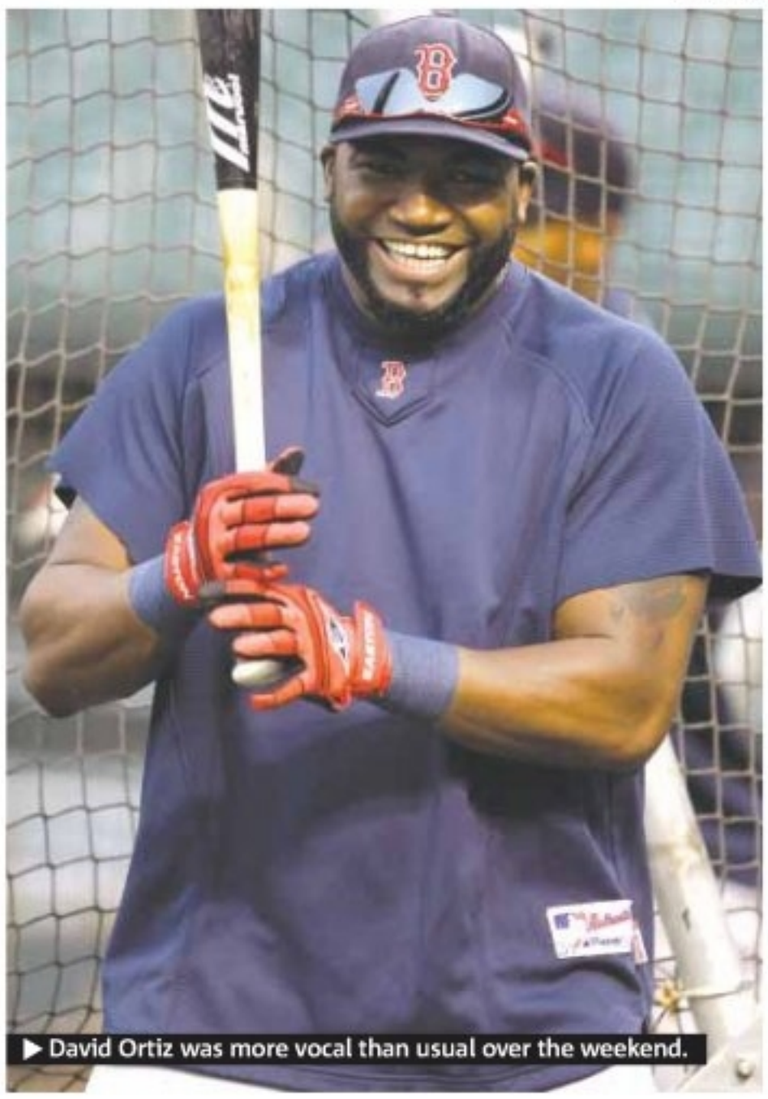

▶ David Ortiz was more vocal than usual over the weekend.

Righting the ship

Boozing ban becomes official ◗ Crawford's talk with owner Henry gives him new life ◗ Ortiz a leader

Three things we saw in Week 1:

Bobby V means business

He said upon his hiring that he wasn't a fire-breathing dragon, but he is clearly the new sheriff in town and discipline — the mental variety, not punishment — was the hallmark of the camp's first week.

The Prohibition declaration on Saturday was an obvious move; any new manager would have ended the open-bar clubhouse culture. But Valentine's heightened attention to detail on the field caught many Fort Myers observers by surprise, even after years of what was a fairly tight ship when bench coach Brad Mills was Terry Francona's top camp counselor.

More than a wrist

The offseason news that Carl Crawford had undergone wrist surgery only seemed to further the narrative that John Henry was right: The seven-year, $142 million contract was heading to Bustville. But in a matter of days this week, Crawford is rehabbing more than just the wrist, which alone is big news.

"We're not the Boston Red Sox."
TAMPA BAY MANAGER JOE MADDON, ON ALLOWING HIS TEAM TO DRINK IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Henry apologized to Crawford Saturday for his ill-advised comments, and Crawford continued his rapid progress toward recovery by taking more batting practice and working on his base-running.

Captain Papi

Hopefully, he won't have to wear a cheesy "C" on his jersey — but David Ortiz made it very clear Saturday that he is the new captain and team leader. He made an impassioned address to the team as the only player to speak during a 45-minute closed-door meeting Saturday morning. Ortiz is now the longest-tenured player in the clubhouse; he earned rapt attention as well as a standing ovation when he finished.

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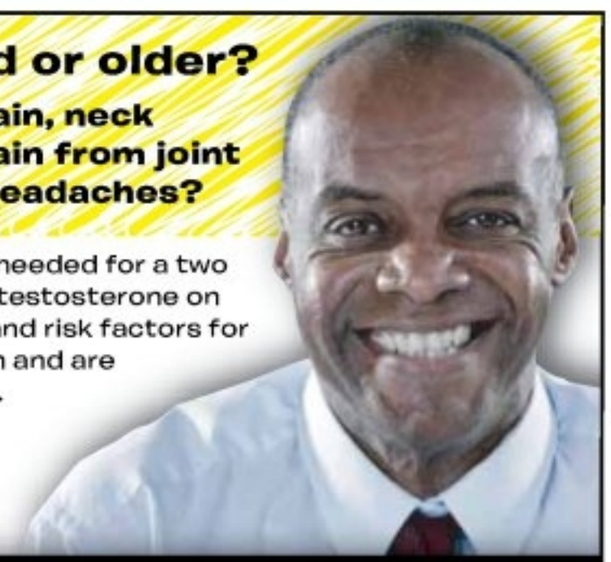

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▶ Ray Allen has been mentioned in multiple trade rumors.

3 C'S STORYLINES TO WATCH

Will the Celts be buyers or sellers come March 15? Rondo the key as always

1 Best case scenario is nabbing the 6-seed

Unfortunately, the C's are who we thought they were: a little too old, a little too injury prone, a little too weak in the middle, and a little too late. What that gets you is mediocrity, which is pretty much what the Celtics showed in the first half of the game-compacted lockout season. Will they finish the season below .500? No. They'll squeak into the playoffs as a seventh or eight seed, and if that's the case, it's a first round exit courtesy of the Heat or Bulls.

2 Health will eventually come ... or will it?

The C's limped into the All-Star break, but it appears as though they should be relatively healthy to start the second half. Jermaine O'Neal and Chris Wilcox had minor dings and Brandon Bass is scheduled to be back in the next game or so. But how long can they stay healthy? It seems like every week there's something else plaguing a player or two on the C's, and they truly can't afford any more injuries to their big men. You can't plan for injuries; you just have to fight through them as a team. The C's have done OK in that department thus far.

3 Danny Ainge could go one of 300 different ways

Ainge knows that this team isn't good enough to win the whole thing. Some people are calling for him to blow it up at the trade deadline. But the Celtics already have a ton of money coming off the books at the end the season, and as long as Dwight Howard and Deron Williams hit free agency, Ainge will have enough cap space to offer them both max contracts. It's a long shot, but it's the best chance to compete for a long time, and unfortunately, the high risk of waiting for that chance is the C's reality.

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